

Torrance, California  
June 25, 1940

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, June 25, 1940 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 11, 1940 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held June 18, 1940 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting the services of the Torrance Municipal Band during the Factory Frolic to be held September 26, 27 and 28, 1940.

Councilman Murray moved that the request be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Alzada Clark, 9718 Baird Street, Los Angeles, requesting permission to peddle lunches to the workers on the W.P.A. Vista Highlands Sewer Project.

Councilman Babcock moved that the request be granted, provided the ordinance pertaining to licensing of this business is complied with. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. Lura Davis, requesting that a tree at 1518-1/2 Cedar Street be topped.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Street Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Russel, requesting removal of an acacia tree at 1008 Cota Street.

Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the Street Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Recommendations were read from the Chief of the Fire Department that the following persons be granted permission to sell fireworks: (1) Joe Capelino at Hawthorne Boulevard, 200 ft. south of Redondo Boulevard; (2) Loy Knight at 24250 Hawthorne Boulevard; (3) Cornet Store at 1317 Sartori Avenue and (4) Vernon W. Coil at 2203 Torrance Boulevard.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the four recommendations be complied with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, reporting the preliminary count of the returns of the Sixteenth Census indicated a population of 9793 for the City of Torrance.

Upon Mayor McGuire's inquiry as to what has developed in the matter of the Pacific Electric Railway Company right of way on Cabrillo Avenue, Attorney McCall said that when the title search is finished, it will then be time to file the suit.

A communication was read from the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, together with a recommendation submitted to the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 5 by A. K. Warren, Chief Engineer and General Manager, and a copy of the action taken by the Board June 12, 1940 pertaining to the construction of local sewers in the City of Torrance under a W.P.A. Project and construction of the Torrance Extension Trunk Sewer, setting out the amount that the City of Torrance should contribute as its proportion of the cost of same, amounting to \$5,542.00.

It was requested by Mr. Warren in his communication that a check in this amount be forwarded promptly to the Sanitation District in order that the work could proceed.

A lengthy discussion ensued at this time, Mayor McGuire pointing out that the City holds no contract or agreement of any kind to indicate the terms or guarantee completion of the job. Engineer Young said he had written Mr. Warren's office requesting some agreement be drawn up between the City and the Sanitation District as to the portion of the sponsor's fee the City would be required to pay, it being his understanding that the Sanitation District would pay a portion of the sponsor's fee, since a part of the project is entirely Sanitation District's trunk line and the \$5,542.00 represents the total sponsor's fee for both the trunkline and the gathering system. Mr. Young said the project had been commenced without the authorization of the City Council; he also stated in reply to his request for an agreement, the communication as read had been received.

Councilman Hitchcock said he felt the City should procure written evidence that the County Sanitation District would reimburse the City for its cost on the project.

Attorney McCall offered to contact the attorney for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, who would, he said, appreciate the fact that the City could not write a check for this amount of money without a contract.

Attorney McCall advised the Council not to authorize payment of the money without a contract.

After a great deal of discussion, City Attorney McCall was authorized to contact the Attorney for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District with the view of obtaining a contract or agreement before further action is taken.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$350.00 plus tax be made for 500 ft. 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " fire hose. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the salary of E. K. Walker be increased from \$145.00 to \$165.00, effective July 1, 1940, Mr. Walker having served his probationary period as a fireman. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell inquired of Engineer Young what had been done about the building on Cabrillo Avenue which has been barricaded for some time because of the hazardous condition of the building. Mr. Young said the owners had contacted him and are contemplating wrecking the building and constructing one of a different type.

Councilman Powell said numerous complaints had been received about persons driving through the alley on Arlington Avenue to avoid the boulevard stop on Arlington Avenue. Attorney McCall agreed that automobiles used the alley for a speedway, endangering the lives of persons, especially children. Councilman Powell suggested that boulevard stops be placed in proper locations to regulate traffic.

Referred to the Police Department for investigation and recommendation.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$54.07 be made for 300 ft. theft proof hose for parks. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$306.10, plus tax, be made for street material for 236th Street from Walnut Street West. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed

\$306.10, plus tax, be made for street material for 235th street from Walnut Street west. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$170.78, plus tax, be made for material for alley repair between Cabrillo Avenue and Andreo Avenue from Carson Street to Plaza del Amo. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock said he understood that a letter received from Mr. Logan Cotton of Redondo Beach with reference to the auditing had been misplaced and asked that it be produced by the next meeting. Clerk Bartlett advised that the letter or an exact copy would be available at the next regular meeting.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$144.00, plus tax, be made for drip fluid; \$124.00, plus tax, be made for rags; \$53.00, plus tax, be made for polishers; \$56.00, plus tax, be made for truck, all being a portion of janitor supplies for the year 1940-41. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that the option on the Mack fire truck be renewed for the year 1940-41 and that a payment of \$2630.00 be authorized. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Murray and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$298.76 be made for 12 meter couplings, 25 3/4" goosenecks complete, 25 1" goosenecks complete, 50 3/4" curb stops, 25 1" curb stops and 6 valve brass for the Water Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.


Mayor McGuire stated that word had been received that certain supplies and rubber will increase in price about 20% during the first part of July and the the City is endeavoring to purchase a quantity of certain supplies while the present prices prevail.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

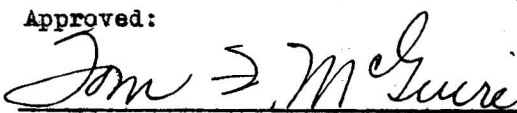
No oral communications.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:29 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned to Thursday, June 27, 1940 at 4:30 P.M.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance